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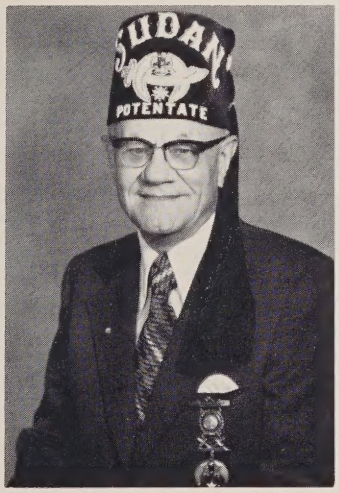

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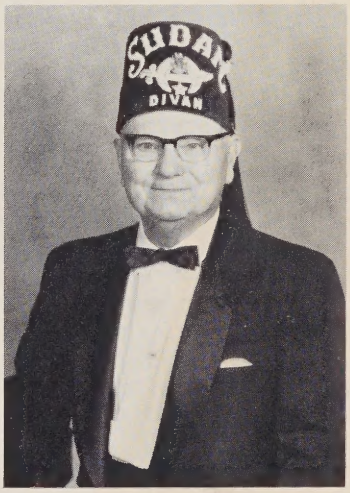

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R. L. Pugh, 33°

The activities of the old year are now behind us and we are looking forward to plans for our next Reunion, April 9th, 10th and 11th.

During the January annual session of Sudan Temple I was elevated to the position of Potentate and was installed in that office in a very beautiful ceremony the evening of January 26th in the beautiful Temple auditorium. I am deeply grateful to the nobility for the confidence they have expressed in me and I shall do everything in my power to make this year a successful one. There is much to be done and I have pledged to dedicate all the meager talents I have to the end that the Shrine activities during the ensuing year will be instrumental in the continued growth of the Shrine.

At the same time, my activities with our Scottish Rite Brethren must also continue unabated. In many respects, of course, my activities in each of these organizations will reflect upon the other. I have the satisfaction of feeling that when I help one I will be in the position of helping both. Thus, instead of there being excessive demands made upon me by both of the organizations, each will be supporting the other and I will enjoy the enviable position of laboring in the quarries for the advancement of both.

And now we must look forward to the new year, 1974. The proposed Budget has been prepared and a copy of it is included in this issue for your examination. We will act on it at the next business meeting of the Lodge, February 11th. In the meantime, we must make our preparation for the forthcoming Reunion April 9, 10 and 11. These three days will be upon us almost before we realize it and we would do well to begin making some plans for intensive contacts with prospective Masons. In this we are depending very much now upon the members of our last class of candidates. Each of these has been sent a letter informing him of the plans for the next Reunion, advising him that he now by all means should be our very best salesman and that we depend on him to make it possible for some other Master Mason to enjoy the same degree of moral and spiritual exultation that he enjoyed during our last Reunion. This forthcoming Reunion is to be known as, "The Fidelity Reunion" and will emphasize the loyalty to our country, to our God and to the growth of our fraternity. Surely we need to give as much time as possible to a realization of the meaning and the value of the virtue of loyalty.

Together, Brethren, we can and we must make this Reunion one in which we can look upon with tremendous pride.

Sincerely yours,

R. L. Pugh

Secretary
Robert L. Pugh, 33°

Scottish Rite Secretary Bob Pugh Becomes First Potentate of Sudan Temple From New Bern

Robert L. Pugh, P.G.M., 33°, newly installed Potentate of Sudan Temple

At the Winter Ceremonial of Sudan Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine in New Bern, North Carolina on January 26, 1974, Robert L. Pugh was elected as the fifty-seventh Potentate of Sudan Temple. This marks the first time a Potentate had ever been elected from the New Bern area. During the years following the constitution of Sudan Temple, it was assumed that since the Recorder and the Treasurer of the Temple both lived in New Bern, that, therefore, New Bern would surrender its eligibility from which a Potentate would be elected. With the retirement of Recorder Charlie Seifert, this controlling principle was thereupon removed and in 1965 the Ill. Potentate Harvey Ward Smith - who since was elected to the Imperial Shrine Divan and is slated to become the Imperial Potentate of the Shrine of North America in 1977 - appointed Noble Pugh to the Outer Guard position of the Temple, thus forever eliminating the original tradition. He was installed in this high office in a beautiful and impressive ceremony conducted in the auditorium of Sudan Temple on Saturday evening with the Scottish Rite Venerable Master of the Lodge of Perfection, C. Neil Vester, 33°, serving in his usual position as Master of Ceremonies. Induction into this high office serves as a fitting tribute to a man whose adult life has been lived in service to Masonry and to the Shrine. Many years of Noble Bob's life have been devoted to activities in these bodies and various other bodies related to Masonry and to the Shrine.

Noble Bob was born July 15, 1902, in New Bern, North Carolina, son of the late Col. and Mrs. W. N. Pugh. He is one of six children, four boys and two girls, three of whom are now living.

He was educated in the grammar and high school of New Bern, graduating in 1920, and enrolled in Wake Forest College in fall of 1920 and continued there for two years, withdrawing after two years because of lack of funds and taught school at Cove City in Craven County. He re-enrolled at Wake Forest fall 1923 and graduated with Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1925, and later attended Summer School, Columbia University, New York City, and still later at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Bro. Bob began work on his Master's Degree at the University of North Carolina and completed it in 1950, obtaining the Degree of Master of Arts in Education.

Noble Bob was licensed to preach in 1920 by the First Baptist Church of New Bern for the Missionary Baptist Denomination and ordained by the same church in 1923. While teaching in the public schools, his last pastorate was at La-Grange where he preached for 12 years. When he became Superintendent of Craven County Schools he gave up all pastoral work, preaching only occasionally and upon invitation.

Practically all his teaching has been in Craven County, teaching high school in Ft. Barnwell, Jasper, Brinson Memorial, and Principal at Ft. Barnwell and Dover. In 1935-36 Brother Bob was requested to come to New Bern from principalship at Dover to substitute for the County Superintendent, R. S. Proctor, who was on leave of absence for one year. The County Superintendent returned at the end of that year and Bob went to Mount Olive in Wayne County to serve as principal. At the end of that year, 1937, Superintendent Proctor of the Craven County Schools resigned to enter other employment and Noble Pugh was elected to succeed him. He removed to New Bern, August 1937, to begin duties in this position and subsequently was re-elected each two year period, retiring from that position thirty years later, in 1967.

Bro. Bob was elected to receive Degrees in Masonry in Doric Lodge 568, New Bern, North Carolina in 1931, while his father-in-law, John C. Davis, was Master. All three degrees were received in one week's time; Initiated Feb. 13, 1931; Passed Feb.

17, and raised to Sublime Degree of Master Mason on the night of February 20, 1931. He was appointed to the line as Junior Deacon in 1941 by A. H. Bremer, who was Master of Doric Lodge at that time, and was elevated each year thereafter until 1945, when elected to serve Doric Lodge as Master.

He is a member of Coastal Shrine No. 9, Order White Shrine of Jerusalem and served as King for many years, and is also a Past Worthy Patron Craven Chapter No. 129, Order of the Eastern Star.

He is in Masonry of the York Rite, received Royal Arch Chapter, Council and Commandery Degrees in 1936, New Bern. Eminent Commander, St. John's Commandery, K. T., of North Carolina. Royal Order of Scotland, Super Excellent Master, Several years Grand Prelate, Grand Commandery of North Carolina.

Noble Pugh received degrees of the Scottish Rite November 1935, and was appointed Lecturer for the Bodies in 1938, serving until 1967. He has been Venerable Master, New Bern Lodge of Perfection No. 6; Wise Master Rose Croix Chapter No. 5; Master of Kadosh, Council of Kadosh No. 4; and Preceptor New Bern Consistory No. 3; elevated to rank and decoration Knight Commander, Court of Honour, 1941; coronetted with rank and dignity Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Honorary, 1945; Assistant Secretary, New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies; Personal Representative of the Sovereign Grand Inspector General in North Carolina A.&A.S.R., Valley of New Bern; Secretary, New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, 1966. Executive Director, the North Carolina Scottish Rite Masonic Fellowship Foundation.

In 1946 Noble Bob was appointed by Most Worshipful William J. Bundy as Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and each subsequent year was elevated to the next higher position, becoming Grand Master in 1954 in a ceremony held in the First Methodist Church, High Point, North Carolina. He was Chairman of the Committee on Masonic Ceremonies, and was responsible for revision of all Masonic Ceremonies; Chairman, Committee on Finance; Chairman, Grand Lodge on Research and Education; Chairman, Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Education. Managing Director "The North Carolina Mason" and member Board of Publication; Author and Editor several Grand Lodge publications.

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Noble Pugh is a member of the National '76 Committee of the conference of Grand Masters of North America and Chairman of the North Carolina '76 Committee for the National Bicentennial Celebration.

He was awarded the Henry Price Medal by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 1954, and in 1955 received the Joseph Montford Award by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. Since 1954 he has been representative of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina of the Masonic Service Association and also of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association. Appointed 1958, Board of Directors, Masonic and Eastern Star Home. Author and Director, Pageant, "Let There Be Light," commemorating 175th Anniversary, Grand Lodge, 1962. Representative United Grand Lodge of England near North Carolina. Attended 250th Anniversary Celebration United Grand Lodge of England, June 25, 1967. Author: "The Holy Book Upon Our Altar." Brother Pugh was author and director of a pageant entitled, "In the Beginning", celebrating the 200th anniversary of St. John's Lodge No. 3, New Bern, N. C.

Noble Pugh was initiated in Sudan Temple, 1938, and was Chaplain of Sudan Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. He was Author and Narrator of a pageant at the installation of P.P. Sam Toler as President Southeastern Shrine Association, Jacksonville, Florida, and was appointed Divan Sudan Temple, 1965, by Imperial Sir Harvey Ward Smith, Potentate at that time, and was installed Potentate Sudan Temple January 26, 1974, New Bern, N. C.

In 1957 he was elevated to membership Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, Sovereign 1966; Made Frater North Carolina College Societas Rosicrucianna, 1958; elevated to Grade VIII°, July 1970 as Celebrant.

Religious activities: Since returning to New Bern as Superintendent of County Schools, and retiring from active pastoral work in the ministry, Bro. Pugh has continued religious interests in various activities. Member First Baptist Church; Deacon and for some years Chairman of the Board of Deacons; Superintendent Sunday School; for many years teacher Men's Fellowship Class and still continuing in this position; first President Baptist Brotherhood; has preached in practically all Protestant churches in New Bern and Craven County.

He has been a Kiwanian; Past President Lions Club; now a member Rotary Club; Director Red Cross; Past President, Superintendents' Division, Northeastern Education Association; Member North Carolina Education Association; Life Member, National Education Association; American Association of School Administrators; Phi Delta Kappa Graduate Educational Fraternity; Member Board of Trustees, Wake Forest College; Member Policies Committee, Division of Superintendents, North Carolina Education Association; President, New Bern Rotary Club, 1958-59.

Noble Bob was selected "Tar Heel of the Week" Dec. 23, 1962. Craven County Board of Commissioners designated May 20, 1967, as "Bob Pugh Day in Craven County", and school personnel of Craven County on May 20, 1967, dedicated "The Robert L. Pugh Waterside Theater" in a pageant presentation. He retired as Superintendent Craven County Schools July 1, 1967, after serving 30 years in that position. Craven County Board of Education dedicated its Administration Unit as "The Robert L. Pugh Building" January 1970.

In 1929 in the Little Church Around the Corner, New York City, Bro. Bob married Lottie Lee Grant of New Bern, originally from Northampton County, a first grade teacher who taught 44 years in the public schools most of which were as a first grade teacher in the Brinson Memorial School. They have no children.

The Robert L. Pugh Meditation Center in the New Bern Scottish Rite Temple was created in his honor and dedicated during the November Reunion 1973. The Meditation Center is located in the Robert L. Pugh Lecture Room of the Temple and combines three features: 1. An area dedicated to prayer, featuring an altar and a portrait of Christ, both of which are in constant illumination. The second feature is a library of popular Masonic books, the creation of which was made possible through generous gifts from the Brethren. The third feature is a museum of Masonic mementoes and souvenirs collected during his Masonic career.

We predict, that with Bob Pugh as Potentate, the coming year will be the best that Sudan Temple has known. We feel that the years the new Potentate has given to Masonry and to the Shrine will be a beautiful reflection of his dedication to the great principles which have characterized him throughout his career.

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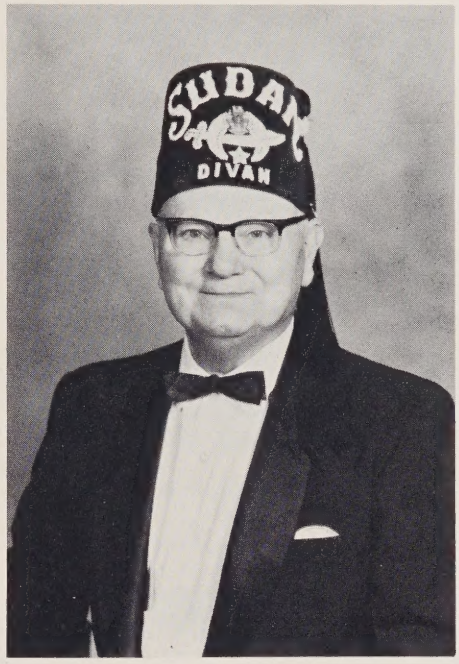
Prominent Scottish Rite Mason Appointed To Divan

Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of New Bern were elated during the mid-winter Ceremonial of Sudan Temple when the newly elected Potentate, Illustrious and Most Worshipful Brother Robert L. Pugh, appointed one of our most outstanding and beloved brethren as the Outer Guard of Sudan Temple. This, as most of our readers know, is the lowest rung on the official ladder of the Temple and leads ultimately to the top position of Potentate.

Alfred A. Kafer, Jr., the newly appointed Outer Guard of Sudan Temple, affectionately known to his innumerable friends as "Shorty", was born on September 2, 1906, the son of Sadie Kinsey and Alfred A. Kafer. He received his elementary and high school education in New Bern, graduating from New Bern High School in 1924. During his high school career, he was an outstanding participant in sports, particularly in football. Brother Kafer's forebears had been for many years successful operators of a bakery, and thus the subject of our sketch decided to continue the family tradition. In order that he might be better qualified to handle this type of operation, he attended the Fleishmann Baking School. He returned to New Bern and continued the operation of Kafer's Bakery from 1927 until August, 1949.

On August 30, 1931, he married Miss Margaret Marea Penny in Kenansville, N. C. This union has been blessed with two delightful daughters, Marea, who is married to Col. Robert A. Foster and they have two children. The other daughter, Jo Kinsey, who is now doing advance Doctoral studying at V.P.I. and at the same time is supervising and teaching.

Brother Kafer has lived a very versatile life, because his activities embrace many areas of public concern. He has been a very active and enthusiastic member of the Atlantic Fire Department of New Bern since June, 1927. He was twice elected to serve as Chief and has been Treasurer of this fire department for many years.



Alfred A. Kafer, Jr., 33°, P.G.M.

He has been a lifelong member of Christ Episcopal Church in New Bern.

Noble Kafer has always manifested an interest in the political life of New Bern and Craven County. He was Alderman of the City of New Bern from 1945 to 1957, and for many years was Chairman of the Craven County Board of Elections.

He has always been interested in athletics, and for many years was in great demand as a referee for football games. He served as coach of football at the New Bern High School and was coach of the baseball team also. He maintains an active interest in youth work and has served as Merit Badge examiner for the Boy Scouts since 1943.

Brother Kafer's Masonic career began on July 10, 1935 when he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in St. John's Lodge No. 3, and in December 1935 he was appointed as Senior Deacon, rising continuously through the chairs until he became Master in 1939. In 1941 he was elected as Secretary of his lodge, which position he now holds.

He became a member of the Scottish Rite in the Fall Reunion of 1936 and his faithful service to the Rite was recognized in 1943 when he was invested with the rank and decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and in 1951 he was coronetted with the rank and decoration of the Thirty-Third Degree or Sovereign Grand Inspector General Honorary. In his Scottish Rite activities he served as Assistant Stage Director from 1937 to 1945, and then became Director in 1945 and continues to serve in this capacity at the present time. He has also been a Trustee for many years. Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of New Bern are proud of the skill and the direction which our Grand Master has given to his responsibilities as a Scottish Rite Mason.

Noble Kafer crossed the Hot Sands of the Desert of Sudan Temple in the spring of 1937 and immediately became an active and enthusiastic participant in the various affairs of the Shrine. He was the organizer and the first director of the Chef Crew and continued as director from 1958 through July 1966. He likewise served as Stage Director of Sudan Temple from 1953 through 1965. Since that time he has also served as the very able Director of the Temple and rendered distinctive service in this capacity.

Noble Kafer is also a member of the York Rite having united with this organization in 1966.

Scottish Rite Masons in the Valley of New Bern congratulate the Illustrious Potentate on the wisdom of his selection and we predict that the future years will justify in large measure the wise appointment of Shorty Kafer. We extend to both of these good Nobles our congratulations and best wishes for a good year.

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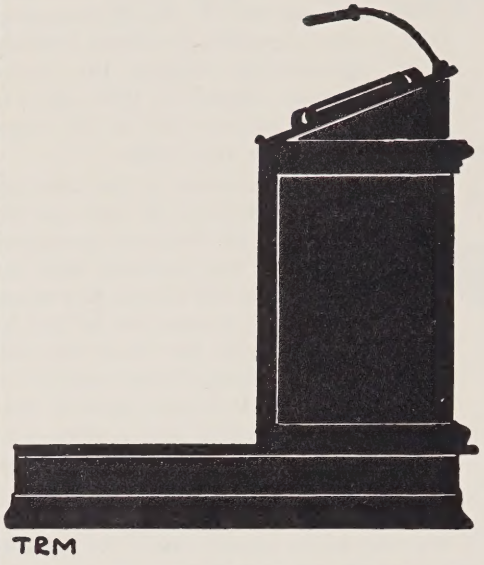

From The Classroom

BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

WHAT IS SCOTTISH RITE MASONRY?

Sometimes it is difficult to define something in terms of itself. However, there are a few observations I have made concerning Scottish Rite Masonry down through the years that seem to set it apart from all other Movements.

Outside of the Home, a Mother's love, and our Church there is nothing more beautiful than the spirit of our Movement. Surely, there is no Movement in which so much good can be accomplished by an individual. Gentle, gracious, and wise, its greatest mission is to form mankind into a great Brotherhood—a league of Noble and Free Men joined together in the cause of working out the Salvation of the Human race. With touching scenes, pictures, and words it appeals to the basic intellect of man to be tolerant and forgiving; surely, this is the road to Peace and Neighborliness. Scottish Masonry also appeals to the intellect by reaching out for our faith to enlist it in a yearning for Liberty and Freedom. Scottish Masonry helps us to think, to see the more hopeful side of Life. Its appeal is more eloquent than all others to the Heart and Soul of a Man, out of which come the issues of Life.

Scottish Masonry is Friendship on the top bracket. The happiest moments of my Life have been spent in the Fellowship of our Brethren with the exception of my own family and those with whom I worked in my chosen vocation of Public Education. Our Movement teaches us to be friends with all men, no matter how they may differ from the rest of us in nationality or creed. My friends, there is nothing that can bring us closer to the Creator Himself than to be with his Disciples here on earth. One can find in Scottish Masonry an abundance of these stalwart men. Is there anything better than this, that the best of men can hope to do? Is it not worth the time, the care, and labor that we use to make this ideal one of our main objectives in Life?

Scottish Masonry is not a mere sentiment of one's sympathy; its roots are grounded in a Philosophy that exalts the very highest in Liberty, Tolerance, Patriotism, Loyalty, and Religion. It surely stems from the oldest and most widely spread Movement known to man, other than the beliefs of the Master Himself.

Scottish Masonry gives the inquiring seeker after Lights, the Lights for which he has been seeking. We meet at its altar as man to man on the same degree of equality without fear, without pretense, and without reproach. It is not a playground but rather it is a Thinking-ground where you come to grips with yourself; where you ask yourself some soul-searching questions such as, "Why am I here," "Where am I going," and "How shall I conduct myself while here," —we need to think on these things, my brethren.

Its simple faith is dedicated to the highest of moral ideals. We need to subdue the evil that would rise within us and to let the purposes for which we were created shine before men. Surely, there must be a purpose for our existence. We were not supposed to simply exist as a burden on society and then pass on into oblivion. It has been said that, "A Gentleman is a Man who puts more into Life than he takes out of it." Thus, we can all be Gentlemen.

I cannot adequately define Scottish Masonry even after 25 years of active service in it, but I can say this; it is livable, it is lovable, and it is constantly looking towards the Divine Creator towards which all of us are steadily moving. "I can recommend it to all without hesitation, mental reservation, or secret evasion of mind." I know, too, that when Scottish Masonry shall have sway over the actions of men, our Society will be a vast Communion of friendly fellowship; Business will be like a system of service; the Home will be more holy than ever before; Injustice, Intolerance, Bigotry, and Vice will no longer defile and defame humanity; every-Tyranny will fall; every Bastille will crumble into dust; and Man will be unfettered in mind and soul to walk in the Light which forever will illuminate our pathway.

This, My Brethren, is Scottish Masonry and this is why I endorse it to you. You cannot find the climax in the first three Degrees. It is inconceivable that all of Masonry could be pressed into Three Separate Lessons, as beautiful as they are. Yes, *there must be more*, and I find it a privilege and a pleasure to point the way to Scottish Masonry.

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Reynold Davenport, 33°

There was a refreshing item reported on television news a few weeks ago, and the Lord knows we need some refreshing news now and then - most of it is anything *but* refreshing.

This particular item, though, concerned some weather forecasters out West who had concluded that the accuracy of their prognastications wasn't something they felt like they could exactly brag about so they had begun basing their forecasts upon the activities of a herd of goats.

It had been discovered that when the herd of goats went *up* the hill to do their grazing you could expect fine weather. If, however, the goats sort of hung around the base of the hill there was some bad weather coming. Then, too, there were days when some of the goats went up the hill, some went part of the way up, and the rest of the herd hung around the base: This, of course, indicated unsettled weather conditions.

Well, the weather folks picked out a period of time during which they compared their own forecasts with what it was the goats were doing and found that the goats had way and away the best batting average. So the forecasters decided to go along with the goats. I don't mean, now, that they got out and ran up and down the hill with the goats, they just started basing their forecasts on whatever the goats indicated the weather was going to be.

The refreshing thing about this is the willingness of the forecasters to admit their fallibility. A hurricane forecaster would never have admitted it; he would have said that the goats were just lucky, or that it was all a lot of coincidence, or something like that. I think hurricane experts base their forecasts mainly on past mistakes.

Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

And, you know, there really is no reason why a mere mortal should feel embarrassed because he cannot accurately foretell the unfolding mysteries of Nature. All he's got to do is just make his best guess, brand it as such, and most folks will realize he's done the best he can. Hurricane forecasters, though, give every evidence that they will continue to ignore past failures and will keep right on calling their guesses predictions.

We did have, when I was growing up, some fellows around Mackeys who could tell when a hurricane - or a near cousin of it - was on the way. (If you don't know where Mackeys is and have never experienced the sheer joy of being there you need to look it up and go there before you misspend your entire life.)

We had these commercial fishermen who based their operations along Mackeys Creek (the map folks have another name for that creek but we folks in Mackeys never went along with it) and set their nets in the Albemarle Sound. They went out in boats every morning to fish their nets and most of that part of their work was usually done by or before noon. Consequently, you didn't hear much boat noise on the creek during the afternoon.

Now and then, though, you'd hear boats cranking up all along the creek about the the middle of the afternoon. When that happened you could LOOK OUT! The fishermen were going out into the sound to take in their nets because a storm was coming. This wasn't something they had heard about, or had read about - they *knew* a storm was coming.

This meant that the wind was going to blow. It wasn't going to be one of these "gently wafting breezes" that the poets speak of either, it was going to howl and stir up some mighty waves and break some trees and make life pretty doggone restless for anything that wasn't battened down.

When the folks in Mackeys heard the fishing boats head soundward in the afternoon they got the clothes in off the line and stomped out the trash fire. They got ready for a blow - what we always knew as a nor'easter.

Outside of those fishermen and the herd of goats, though, I never knew of any weather forecasters you could really count on.

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Speaking in Quotes: "I only know two tunes: One of them is 'Yankee Doodle' and the other isn't."—Ulysses S. Grant

"I think there is only one quality worse than hardness of heart and that is softness of head."—Theodore Roosevelt.

Shortly after the acceptance of the armistice terms ending World War I, President Wilson turned to his secretary, James Tumulty, and remarked: "I feel like the Confederate soldier General John B. Gordon used to tell of, soliloquising on a long hard march during the Civil War; 'I love my country and I'm fightin' for my country, but if this war ever ends, I'll be dad-burned if I ever love another country.' "

"Blessed are the young for they shall inherit the national debt." — Herbert Hoover.

Speaking with the Ladies: In 1986 the first woman was elected president of the United States. Shortly after her election, she had three "hot lines" installed in the oval office in the White House. One for the Russians, one for the Chinese and one for her mother.

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Eve: Adam, I know you are having an affair with another woman.

Adam: Eve, how can that be possible. You're the only woman on earth.

Eve: So that's why you love me.

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Remember what a noted sage and wit once said: "Women's minds are cleaner than men's. They change them more often.

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Oscar Wilde summed up the difference between men and women when he said,

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"Women have a much better time than men because there are more things forbidden them."

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Once a man turned to Dorothy Parker and said, "I simply can't bear fools." "Apparently, your mother could," Miss Parker replied.

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"Father," asked the little fellow, "if it's polite to let women be first in everything, why did God make Adam before Eve?"

"Because son," was the reply, "He didn't want any advice while he was making Adam."

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Speaking in Jest: When I was a kid, my father told me than anybody could become president, and I'm beginning to believe it.

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From the dark came the voice of the sentry, "Halt! Who's there?"

"An American," was the reply.

"Is that so? Well advance and recite the 2nd verse of the Star Spangled Banner."

"I don't know it."

"Proceed, American."

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Two old bachelors got off on the subject of cooking, and one of them commented, "I bought a cook book once, but never used it. Too much fancy work in it."

"What do you mean?" asked the other.

"Why, everyone of those danged recipes began, 'take a clean dish,' and that stopped me every time."

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A barber shop customer was complaining about the price of hair-cuts. "I'm just back from London," he said. "Over there I was able to get a good haircut for sixty-five cents."

"Yeah," retorted the barber. "But look at the fare."

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A man was moving along a dimly lighted street when a stranger slipped from the shadows and stopped him.

"What do you want?" asked the man nervously.

"Would you be so kind," said the stranger plaintively, "as to help a poor unfortunate fellow who is hungry and out of work?" All I have in the world is this gun!"

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Speaking from His Book: A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.

Proverbs 17:22

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TRUTH THE LIBERATOR

What fierce conflicts have raged around these two words - truth and freedom! How many rebels against just law or wholesome moral restraint have masked their caprice under the name of liberty; how many fires of persecution have been kindled in the pretended cause of truth. If one were to blot out the deeds done and the sufferings endured for truth and freedom, half the heroic pages of history would be erased.

I wish to speak of the liberating power of history. History is the record of man's struggle to be free . . . the emancipation of the conscience from power . . . the substitution of freedom for power in the government of men; and the theme certainly has relevance for our time!

When men have faith in God as a God of wisdom they inevitably believe in the rationality of the universe and begin to search for truth. They seek to discover the right way to understand the world, and how to subdue its power and make them minister to human good. The truth has made man free. As Masons we ever seek for more of the light of truth.

All truth gives freedom. We hardly need to prove that in our present day. We see it written large in every sphere that ignorance is bondage. But the guest for freedom is by no means ended by the realization that knowledge is power . . . the goal is not yet reached. One can trace its progress in every step in the story of civilization. Yet, civilization contains within itself the elements of a

Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

fresh servitude. Man conquers the power of nature and becomes in turn its slave. The workman is in bondage to the machine which does his will. His hours, his wages, his personal habits are determined by it. We fill our house with luxuries and cannot do without them. Man is slave to dress, hours, manners, conventions, etc. Things contrived to make his life easier have become his masters.

Man, as I have said, has made astonishing discoveries of truth as concerns the nature of his world. He has overcome incredible difficulties, but face to face with the Great Architect of the Universe he is brought to a stand still! It is at this very point where man's powers fail that God has been pleased to graciously reveal the truth. For the truth about God, the all-important truth is that wonderful realization that the Universe is loving and holy, that man is God's child with boundless spiritual possibilities here and in a glorious immortality hereafter, and wherever men have accepted that truth they have been lifted into the realms of real freedom and power. Is this not a primary teaching of our Craft? The world is waiting today for the truth which can alone give freedom and fulness of life. This is our calling: to seek after truth, to follow its leadings, and to share this truth throughout the land.

This word: mankind finds the attainment of truth a most difficult quest. Each seeker approaches its temple through his own desires ("What do you most desire?") The philosopher, the poet, the artist, the prophet, the ordinary men like me - each sees the temple of truth from his own perspective and angle. He sees but one aspect. As George Matheson, the hymn-writer, states:

Each sees one colour of Thy rainbow light,
Each looks on one tint and calls it heaven;
Thou art the fulness of our partial sight;
We are not perfect 'til we see the seven.

Some seek a Father in the heavens above,
Some seek a human image to adore,
Some crave a spirit vast as life and love;
Within thy mansions we have all and more.

Grant us thy truth to make us free,
And kindling hearts that burn for thee,
Till all thy living altars claim
One holy light, one heavenly flame.

Truth is the liberator. Let him who would seek for truth seek for God. In finding God, one finds both truth and liberty.

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400	Initiations	$ 38,000.00	
401	Dues	74,500.00	
403	Rent (Eastern Star, White Shrine, Doric, Berne)	1,800.00	
404	Interest	4,000.00	
408	Bagpipe (Advertising)	4,350.00	
		$122,650.00	
		1974 Estimated Expenditures	
600-A	Supreme Council	$ 9,300.00	$ 9,300.00
600-B	Bagpipe	11,300.00	11,300.00
	Administrative		
601-A	Salary, Secretary	11,500.00	
601-B	Salaries, Clerical	14,200.00	
601-C	Salaries. (A. A. Kafer, C. W. Heath, C. T. Midyette, Maid)	1,550.00	
601-D	Printing, Stationery, Office Supplies	2,200.00	
601-E	Telephone, Telegraph, Postage	5,000.00	
601-F	Heat, Lights & Water	6,700.00	
601-G	Insurance	3,690.00	
601-H	Taxes	2,400.00	
601-I	Audit	600.00	
601-K	Laundry	300.00	
601-N	Stage Equipment & Supplies	150.00	
601-O	Repairs & Maintenance (Office Equip.)	1,500.00	49,790.00
	Reunions		
603-S	Spring	7,000.00	
603-F	Fall	7,000.00	
603-L	Ladies' Entertainment	800.00	14,800.00
	Activities		
604-A	Pre-Reunion (Small Parties)	1,800.00	
604-B	Ladies' Night Parties	8,000.00	
604-C	Easter Services	700.00	
604-D	Meeting Night Refreshments	300.00	10,800.00
	Charity - Donations		
605-B	Memorials	500.00	
605-C	Donations	100.00	
605-D	Americanism Fund	400.00	1,000.00
	Travel		
606-A	Supreme Council Workshop - Charleston, S. C.	625.00	
606-B	Miscellaneous	300.00	
606-C	Secretary	2,400.00	3,325.00
608-A	Promotional	1,100.00	1,100.00
	Miscellaneous		
613-H	Contingency	1,720.00	
613-G	Tiler	50.00	
613-I	Retirement Fund	2,300.00	
613-J	Elevator Service	100.00	
613-K	Gifts (Bonuses)	500.00	4,670.00

Building Expense			
613-A	Janitor's Salary	4,940.00	
613-B	Cleaning Building	1,300.00	
613-C	Janitorial Supplies	900.00	
613-E	Repairs & Maintenance	9,000.00	
613-F	Exterminator Service	150.00	
613-M	Light Bulbs	125.00	16,415.00
701	Kitchen Utensils & Equipment	250.00	150.00
	GRAND TOTAL		$122,650.00

Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

The Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club, held their regular meeting, Thursday night, Jan. 10, 1974, at "Buck Overton's Riverside Restaurant", Jamesville, N. C. where a delightful dinner was enjoyed by all present.

I went by the field of the slothful, and by the vineyard of the man void of understanding; And, lo it was all grown over with thorns, and nettles had covered the face thereof, and the stone wall thereof was broken down. Then I saw, and considered it well; I looked upon it, and received instruction. Proverbs 24:30,32.

Have you ever passed along a lonely street in the city, or through an attractive suburb, admired the well-kept lawns and trim-looking buildings, and then noticed a house and its surroundings which said to you at once, "Here is neglected real estate?"

The grass, once neat and carefully manicured, was tall and unkempt. Flower beds, formerly the pride and joy of the mistress of the house, lay overgrown with weeds and brambels. The building with its faded paint gave an impression of careworn sadness.

One can easily imagine the feelings of the neighborhood property owners as they reflected on the depressing view day after day and fought valiantly to keep the weeds from spreading to their lawns.

The chief thrust of the writer of this Proverb about neglected real estate is directed at the man whom he calls a sluggard, or, in more modern language lazy. Nothing will cause property to go down in value as fast as a lazy owner. By the same means, character can deteriorate and finally produce a harvest of nettle-like troubles and broken defenses against temptation.

Laziness in living up to moral standards can destroy one's character just as subtly and completely as jerry-building does in a cathedral or a home.

Many of us are owners of real estate which we have never recognized. As a result it lies neglected and unused. Do you recall the story in the Old Testament about Moses in the desert of Midian? Day after day, he wandered in the wilderness taking care of his father-in-law's sheep?

But one day, a vision appeared out of a burning bush, and he heard the voice of God saying, "Put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground." (Exodus 3:5).

He found that the familiar place was the starting point for the redirection of his life. Out of his experience came a new man, a new nation, and a world contribution. Moses, however, might have been lazy or indifferent to the vision and stayed in Midian all his life.

This experience points to the fact that even the common ground of everyday experience may yield the fruit of a new adventure in living. However, one may choose to neglect his bit of real estate and never find the burning bush or the fruitful adventure.

Consider also the closing statement of the Proverb. After the writer had seen the neglected real estate of the sluggard and noted the nettles and broken wall he said, "Then I saw, and considered it well: I looked upon it, and received instruction". (Proverbs 30:32.)

Here was a man with a quality which

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some persons never acquire. He saw the neglect and the reason for it. He reasoned that if he followed the example of the lazy landowner in caring for his property, then he, too, might expect the same kind of a harvest.

The neglected real estate of character is not produced over night. It is the result of the small decisions we make day after day in our relations with God and man. It is very much like the winding course of a crooked river.

If you were to ask a geologist, "What makes the river crooked?" He would probably answer that the flowing water follows the line of least resistance. It erodes first of all the soft earth along the banks, and then even the rocky ledges are worn away by its subtle strength.

Following the path of least resistance in making moral decisions is the easiest course. All of us have to fight a continuing battle to keep away from the pressure. Whatever the cause, each one needs the power of faith taught by Scottish Rite Masonry to meet the challenge and win the struggle.

Wilmer C. Chesson

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their regular meeting Sunday, January 6, at the Washington Masonic Lodge on W. 5th St. This was a charcoal steak cook-out with each member furnishing their own steaks and the club furnishing all of the extras.

There were 41 members and guests present. Hazel Hill was the guest of Alice and Cyril Merrick. Lois and Wiley Hill had as their guest, their daughter, Jane Hill. Caleb Bell, Hazel and Harmon Davis served as hosts for the occasion.

President Harmon Davis presided and Julian Vann gave the invocation. Following the meal, a delightful fellowship hour was enjoyed by all. During the men's business meeting, President Davis presided. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were approved.

The alphabetical system of the membership was approved in appointing two couples to serve as hosts throughout the year, two couples to serve one month only. This means that each couple will serve only once a year. Edward Ray Edwards, Roy Edwards and Virgil Dowden with their wives are to serve as hosts at the next regular meeting of February 3rd. Wiley Hill, Kenneth Seal and Cyril Merrick were appointed to the membership committee.

Meyer and Melvin Libman invited the entire Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club to their home in Plymouth, to open house, February 9th. It was decided to make an all-out effort to get new members during 1974, the present members feel that we have such a good time, and if we could get others to attend just one meeting, they would have a great desire to continue. Our dues are only $5 per year, per couple, and that goes toward serving the baked potatoes, bread, butter, charcoal, salad, beverage and a few extras now and then. We welcome all Scottish Riters regardless of where they live.

Ashley G. Leggett

Chowan Scottish Rite Club

Edenton Scottish Rite Masons ushered the Christmas season in a little early on Friday, the 7th. A good crowd of Masons and their wives met in the lodge dining hall for a covered dish supper. Turkey, dressing, and country ham were the order of the day.

The party and meeting were called to order by President Clarence White. Invocation was given by James Yates. After the meal, James Yates and wife, Dorothy

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Yates, played Santa and gave out the gifts. It was duly noted that Brother Bill Stallings was in the hospital and could not give out the gifts as is his usual custom.

We had one new member, Jimmy Pritchard, just in from the Fall reunion. Next meeting tentatively set for last week in January, the time to be announced later. We were led in singing Christmas carols by Brother Charlie Overman, Mrs. Overman on piano. The meeting then adjourned.

Sincerely,
James Yates, Secretary-Treasurer

Dare Scottish Rite Club

The Dare Scottish Rite Club met at the Dare County Shrine Club, January 8, 1974 at 8:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by the President Robert Wechter.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved as written.

The bills against the club were read and ordered paid after the usual vote. The club's financial report was also read by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Club officers were elected for the ensuing year, in the usual manner, as follows: President, Donald H. Vance, Manteo, N. C. 27954; Vice-President, Robert Wechter, Stumpy Point, N. C. 27978; and Secretary-Treasurer, Reuben E. Payne, Manteo, N. C. 27954.

President Robert Wechter read the By-Laws of the club.

Brother Wechter turned the president's duties over to the new President-elect Donald Vance.

There was much discussion concerning creating interest in the Dare Scottish Rite Club by the members.

Newly elect President Donald Vance suggested we have the next meeting about the 19th of March 1974, or as near that date as possible and if agreeable with the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies, have a Ladies Night at Manteo at that time. President Vance stated he would check with Brother Robert Pugh, 33° for further arrangements; and at the same time check with the Master of Manteo Masonic Lodge for permission to use the dining room for the occasion. Brother Z. F. Payne suggested we contact Brother Francis Clark, 33° for information about Ladies Night.

There being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Reuben E. Payne,
Secretary-Treasurer

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

Franklin Lodge 109 was host to the East Carteret Scottish Rite Club on Jan. 7 which was well attended.

President Harry V. Willis opened the meeting with appropriate remarks. As this began a new year in Scottish Masonry, the newly installed officers were well accepted and all members were made welcome.

Events of the past year were discussed noting that sixteen of our friends and members have received the mysteries of

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The Supreme Council added another fine degree upon three of our brethren, to Dallas Willis, Irvin Garrish and Ciscero Lewis who has just received the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, we say thank you for a job well done. After several remarks from some of the brethren the meeting was closed. The refreshments that followed were "Down East" still.

Bert Conner, Secretary

Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club

The Elizabeth City Scottish Rite Club met in the Elizabeth City Masonic Temple, Friday night, December 14th. The meeting was opened by Brother John D. Sanderlin, President. Prayer was offered by Brother Walter T. Kirby.

Election of officers for 1974 was held, resulting in the selection of Brother M. Lester Spruill, President; Brother James W. Icenhour, Vice-President; and Brother Clifton E. White, Secretary-Treasurer.

Discussions were held for various projects that are planned for the coming year with increased membership topping the list.

Refreshments and fellowship were enjoyed by all the brethren present.

Clifton E. White, Secretary

Grifton Scottish Rite Club

The Grifton Shrine Club met January 9, 1974 with 22 members present under the leadership of the new officers elected for 1974. Officers for the Grifton Club are: President, Frink Griffin; Vice-President, Bruce Cannon; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Taylor; Scribe, William Butler; and Chaplain, Col. Batten. A meal of charcoal steak was enjoyed by all.

Two new members were accepted in Grifton Scottish Rite Club: Brother William Butler, 14° and Brother Donald Sauls, 32°.

No formal program was presented. Brother Frank Griffin outlined his plans for the growth of our local club and they were enthusiastically endorsed by all present. Brother Griffin also informed us of the letter of recommendation from Brother Bob Pugh congratulating the Grifton Club on its penetration and member acquisition of Scottish Rite members in our district.

A food committee was appointed to handle the preparation of food for our next meeting.

Col. Batten led us in prayer and adjournment "To live in peace and Brotherhood 'til we are united again."

Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club

The Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club met on December 10, 1973 at the Back Swamp Community Building in Richlands.

This was a new first as we have never met here before, and our brethren and their wives from the Richlands area really outdid themselves preparing a scrumptious chicken and pastry dinner, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We would like to thank brother Garner Horne once again for his endeavor in the preparation of this meal.

This was election night and our new staff of officers for 1974 were nominated and elected. Congratulations to our new President Brother David Brewington, Brother Frank Hartman, Jr., Vice-President; and Brother Charles Barkley, Secretary-Treasurer. With this team we should have a banner year.

I would like at this time to thank all of you that assisted me during the year. I thoroughly enjoyed serving as your Secretary-Treasurer. It was a fast year, where did it go?

So good luck and Godspeed to our new officers.

Jim M. Roberts
Secretary-Treasurer

Roanoke-Chowan Scottish Rite Club

The Scottish Rite Masons of Northampton and Hertford Counties met in the President's Room of the Thomas Cafeteria on the Campus of Chowan College on October 3rd 1973 to organize a Scottish Rite Club. A delicious Ladies' Night Banquet was enjoyed by the Scottish Rite Masons, their Ladies and guests. There were nearly 100 present for the occasion.

Brother Robert E. James presided at the business meeting after the banquet. All distinguished Brethren and their Ladies were recognized and introduced.

The Nominating Committee, which had been previously appointed, submitted the following slate of officers and directors for 1974: Robert E. James, President; Hal S. Banks, Vice-President; and Harry W. Panton, Secretary and Treasurer.

Directors nominated were: V. E. Boomer, Ballard S. Gay, E. F. Stephenson, and William E. Bazemore.

This slate of officers and directors were elected by acclamation and were called to the head table where they were duly installed by Most Worshipful Brother Robert L. Pugh, 33°, Past Grand Master of Masons of North Carolina and Secretary of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies. Brother Pugh gave a very inspirational talk which was enjoyed by all.

On October 10th the Officers and Directors met in the Social Hall of American George Lodge No. 17, Murfreesboro, to plan the year's work. The first order of business was to select a name for the club. The name selected was "Roanoke-Chowan Scottish Rite Club". This includes Northampton, Hertford, Bertie and Gates Counties. Second, membership fee and dues. There will be no fee and no dues. Every Scottish Rite Mason in the four counties is automatically a member of the club. Third, place of meeting. The club will meet in the Social Hall of American George Lodge No. 17, Murfreesboro. Fourth, dates of meetings. The club will meet on the first Wednesday night in the months of February, March,

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The club met again on Wednesday, November 7th, and enjoyed a Barbecue, Brunswick Stew and Fried Chicken Supper. After the supper the President, Brother Robert E. James called the meeting to order and explained what the officers and directors did at the planning meeting on October 10th. The club approved and adopted the plans made at that meeting and added that we take a collection at each meeting to defray the expense of meeting notices and postage.

Everything is all set now for the new year and we are expecting great things in 1974.

Harry W. Panton,
Secretary & Treasurer

Wilson County Scottish Rite Club

As you may recall in the Jan. issue of the Bagpipe, the new officers took over in December and planned to really get the ball rolling to increase membership, which we did do! Our January meeting was held at the Bar-B-Que Barn in Wilson, with the President Thurman Batton, 32°, presiding.

As is our custom, we meet at 6:30 and have a 30 minute social in which to trade jokes, Masonic information and to beat the dust off of each others backs. Owing to the real brotherly love and affection we have for each other, we really enjoy dusting each other!

With the serving of the meal, which is always worthy of note, Bro. Batten called the meeting to order and proceeded to dispose of the business. A Membership Chairman was appointed, Bro. Johnnie Whitley, 32°, and he lost no time in appointing two fine assistants . . . Bro's. Pinkie Jefferson and Bill Redding, Jr.

After assigning each member a list of names to call to personally invite them to our next meeting in February, so much enthusiasm was generated, that it was decided to contact Bro. R. L. Pugh, 33°, if he would be so kind as to obtain a mighty fine speaker to come to Wilson and speak to us on Scottish Rite Masonry.

Later in a conversation with him, he promised us one, which we are counting on very much. As our club has a couple of aviators, they offered to fly down and pick him up and return him in good shape, if he'll trust us to do so.

Brother Herbert Wormwood, 32° read a most interesting bit of information pertaining to the Highest and Lowest lodges held in the world today. In Equador, the highest . . . some 13,000 feet and on the shores of the Dead Sea some 600 feet below sea level.

There being no further business to come before our Club, the meeting was closed and adjourned until our meeting in February.

One further word, my brothers. There are many Scottish Riters in Wilson and neighboring Counties who would be most welcome to come and enjoy our fellowship . . . there is none better. We, in Wilson County Club, would love to have you come and help us make a more meaningful world and society for ourselves, yes, but mostly for the future . . . for the children yet unborn and for their children. It won't happen unless you and I make it happen. Get into the act. Be a doer.

Basically there are just three types of people in the world. First, those who dream and make things happen. Secondly, those who watch things happen. Thirdly, those who aren't aware that anything is happening. Which one are you?

Fraternally,
Claude A. Anthony, 32°

AROUND THE CORNER

Around the corner I have a friend,
In this great city that has no end;
Yet days go by, and weeks rush on,
And before I know it a year is gone,
And I never see my old friend's face,
For Life is a swift and terrible race,
He knows I like him just as well
As in the days when I rang his bell
And he rang mine. We were younger then,
And now we are busy, tired men:
Tired with playing a foolish game,
Tired with trying to make a name.
"Tomorrow," I say, "I will call on Tim,
Just to show him I'm thinking of him."
But tomorrow comes - and tomorrow goes,
And the distance between us grows and grows.
Around the corner! - yet miles away . . .
"Here's a telegram, sir —"
"Tim died today."
And that's what we get, and deserve in the end:
Around the corner, a vanished friend.

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